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FM AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1056

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USIA WASHDC

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TAGS: OTRA, OEXC, SCUL, UR, US

SUBJ: VISIT OF US MAYORS TO LENINGRAD

1. CONGEN, PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, LEARNED ONLY AFTER  
THE FACT FROM LENINGRAD PRESS REPORTS OF PRESENCE HERE OF  
GROUP OF US MAYORS AND CITY OFFICIALS ON TOUR SPONSORED BY  
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND US CONFERENCE OF MAYORS.  
MEMBERS OF GROUP WERE RECEIVED BY LENINGRAD CITY EXECUTIVE  
COUNCIL OFFICIALS AND HAD OTHER OFFICIAL CONTACTS WHILE  
TOURING LENINGRAD.

2. I CONSIDER IT MOST UNFORTUNATE AND UNDESIRABLE THAT  
PRESTIGE GROUP OF THIS NATURE SHOULD COME AND GO WITHOUT  
CONGEN'S BEING NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE AND HENCE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE  
VISIBLY. IT MAKES OUR POSITION AWKWARD IN EYES OF LENINGRAD OFFICIALS  
SINCE CONSUL GENERAL OR OTHER CONGEN OFFICER WOULD NORMALLY  
ACCOMPANY SUCH US OFFICIALS ON CALLS AT CITY HALL.  
MOREOVER, WITH ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF GROUP'S VISIT,  
CONGEN WOULD HAVE CONSIDERED ARRANGING APPROPRIATE  
REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTION.

3. CONGEN APPRECIATES FACT THAT SOME GROUPS MAKE TOUR  
ARRANGEMENTS PRIVATELY AND, THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT MAY  
NOT HAVE BEEN AWARE OF MAYORS' TRAVEL. HOWEVER, TO  
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EXTENT DEPARTMENT OR USIA KNOWS OF SUCH PLANNED OR

PROJECTED TRAVEL, POST URGES THAT WE BE INFORMED AS MUCH IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE.

4. INCIDENTALLY, CONGEN MADE CONTACT WITH MAYOR LEE ALEXANDER OF SYRACUSE JUST PRIOR TO GROUP'S DEPARTURE AND MAYOR SAID GROUP HAD MADE OFFICIAL CALLS WHILE IN MOSCOW, INCLUDING ONE ON MAYOR PROMYSLOV, MAYOR ALEXANDER WAS UNAWARE OF ANY CONTACT WITH EMBASSY DURING MOSCOW PORTION OF VISIT.

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